

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 20 and 21 have been amended. Claims 14-19 and 26 have been cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments are supported by the specification, claims, abstract and drawings as originally filed and that no new matter has been added.

Although the Examiner rejected claims 1-16, 18, 21-25, 27 and 28, the Examiner indicated that dependent claims 17, 19, 20 and 26 set forth patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to stand in independent form.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of claim 17, including those set forth in intermediate claims 14-16. Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1 and recite additional elements. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims now recite subject matter that the Examiner indicated was allowable and so stand in condition for allowance.

Similarly, claim 8 has been amended to include the elements of claim 19, including those set forth in intermediate claim 18. Claims 9-13 depend from claim 8 and recite additional elements. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims now recite subject

matter that the Examiner indicated was allowable and so stand in condition for allowance.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the elements previously set forth in claim 8. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this claim now recites subject matter that the Examiner indicated was allowable and so stands in condition for allowance.

Finally, claim 21 has been amended to include the elements set forth in claim 26. Claims 22-25 and 27-28 depend from claim 21 and recite additional elements. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims now recite subject matter that the Examiner indicated was allowable and so stand in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

As set forth above and in compliance with the Examiner's objections, the claims have been amended so that they recite subject matter that the Examiner indicated would be allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application stands in condition for allowance. The Examiner's further consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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